(a) As per information received from Society of India Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), the turnover of the Automobile Industry for the year 2002-03 is Rs. 64,000/- Crore approximately.

(b) During the current financial year (April-October) the production, Sales and value of sales of various categories of vehicles are as under:—

S.No.	Type of vehicles	Production in Nos.	Sales in Nos.	Value of Sales (Rs. crore)
1.	Passenger Cars including Multi Utility Vehicles	525846	486654	19807.11
2.	Commercial Vehicles	139233	131703	11082.98
3.	Three Wheelers	183984	146235	1096.76
4.	Two Wheelers	3201279	3100330	14275.49
	TOTAL	4050342	3864922	46262.34

(c) During the same period, 254589 vehicles worth Rs. 2927.62 crore have been exported to various countries.

(d) The automobile industry has performed well during the current financial year recording a overall growth of 12.10% as compared to the corresponding period of the last year.

Continuous Losses in Prasar Bharati

†580. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Prasar Bharati, has been incurring continuous losses due to the functioning of Doordarshan;

(b) if so, whether these losses are being made up by Government for the last few years; and

(c) if so, the amount of losses has compensated by Government upto the 31st March, 2003 ?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Under Section 12 of Prasar Bharati Act, 1990, the primary duty of the Corporation is to organize and conduct public broadcasting services to inform, educate and entertain the public and to ensure a balanced development of broadcasting on radio and television. Therefore, Prasar Bharati is not being run on commercial basis and hence are not maintaining profit and loss account. However, the deficit between income and expenditure of Prasar Bharati is being met by the Government since accounts of Prasar Bharati were de-linked from Government. A total of Rs. 3368.65 crores has been provided by the Government to the Corporation from 1st April 2000 to March 2003.

Exemption of films from entertainment tax etc .

581. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any guidelines for exemption of films from entertainment tax/duty to the State Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that various State Government have exempted films from entertainment tax/duty despite failure to fulfil prescribed conditions; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Entertainment Tax is levied by State Governments. However, on occasion, the Central Government has recommended to the State Governments that Indian Panorama films, international and national awarding films and children's films etc. may be exempted from Entertainment Tax.

(c) and (d) No data is maintained by the Central Government in this regard.

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†582. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH
'LALAN': SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

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